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Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

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Reference DE 27 36 262 A1 is not in the English language, but this reference was cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language search report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. The requirement for

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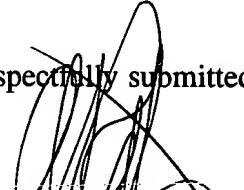
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a concise explanation is thereby satisfied in accordance with MPEP § 609A(3). Additionally, DE 27 36 262 A1 corresponds to GB 1 569 939, a copy of which is enclosed.

This information disclosure statement is being filed concurrently with the application. No fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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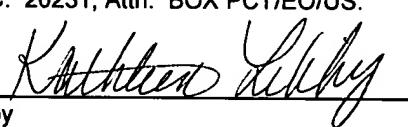
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